



STATE OF ALASKA  
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*Mike Dunleavy, Governor*  
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*Keith Kurber II, Chairman*

**Regulatory Commission of Alaska**

April 17, 2023

In reply refer to: Common Carrier Section  
File: I-18-001  
LO#: L2300134

Moriah Jones  
Numbering Representative  
Comcast IP Phone, LLC  
183 Inverness Dr West  
Englewood, CO 80112

Dear Ms. Jones:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established a streamlined authorization process for interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers to obtain telephone numbers directly from the of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator or the Pooling Administrator (Numbering Administrators) rather than through intermediary telecommunications carriers.<sup>1</sup> VoIP providers must first receive authorization from the FCC to obtain numbers and comply with the FCC's numbering rules. After receiving authority from the FCC, VoIP providers are also required to notify relevant state commissions at least 30 days prior to requesting numbers from the Numbering Administrators.<sup>2</sup>

On April 14, 2023, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) received a notice from Comcast IP Phone, LLC (Comcast IPP) of its intent to request from the Numbering Administrators additional thousands-block in the Anchorage, Alaska rate center.<sup>3</sup>

The RCA acknowledges Comcast IPP's notice to obtain additional numbering resources in the Anchorage, Alaska rate center. Note that the RCA adopted number conservation strategies for telecommunications carriers in Alaska.<sup>4</sup> The RCA requires central office code reclamation, sequential number assignment, Type I interconnection agreement and mandatory thousands-block number pooling to service providers in Alaska. These

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<sup>1</sup>See *Numbering Policies for Modern Communications et al., Report and Order, FCC 15-70*, 30 FCC Rcd 6839, rel. June 22, 2015 (Direct Access and Report Order).

<sup>2</sup>Direct Access and Report Order ¶¶ 27, 33; 47 CFR 52.15(g)(3)(iv)(C).

<sup>3</sup>See Docket I-18-001, letter from Ms. M. Jones, dated April 14, 2023.

<sup>4</sup>See Order U-09-004(6), *Order Addressing Numbering Conservation Strategy and Closing Docket*, dated January 15, 2010; see also Order U-10-067(2), *Order Requiring Thousands-Block Number Pooling in Certain Alaska Rate Centers and Closing Docket*, dated October 21, 2010.

strategies are consistent with the FCC's numbering rules.<sup>5</sup> The RCA also adopted regulations that added VoIP service to the list of services subject to the Alaska Universal Service Fund<sup>6</sup> and Telecommunications Relay Service surcharge assessment.<sup>7</sup> Comcast IPP should comply with these strategies and regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Jess Manaois at [john.paul.manaois@alaska.gov](mailto:john.paul.manaois@alaska.gov); telephone (907) 263-2174.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

Sincerely,

REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA



Keith Kurber II (Apr 17, 2023 16:03 AKDT)

Keith Kurber II  
Chairman

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<sup>5</sup>47 C.F.R. § 52.15

<sup>6</sup>See Order R-15-007(3), *Order Adopting Regulations*, dated November 30, 2016 (*adopting* 3 AAC 53.340(a)(19)).

<sup>7</sup>3 AAC 51.010(a). See Order R-19-001(3), *Order Adopting Regulations*, dated July 18, 2019.